

High-performance boats, wakeboards and personal watercraft

These watercraft have a high nuisance potential. Operators of such watercraft must be particularly aware that they can have a negative impact on the lake as well as on other people in the community:

Do not race, do stunts, ride repeatedly in tight circles, intentionally capsize or make excessive waves.

Surf, wakeboard and tubing activities must be conducted in the centre of the lakes.

To prevent the deterioration of aquatic ecosystems and reduce the risk of accidents, **wakeboarding-type activities should be restricted to deep-water zones**. This sport must not be carried out close to the shoreline where there is less space.



Do not feed wildlife!

Attracting ducks, geese or seagulls could lead to a deterioration in the quality of water for swimming due to the concentration of feces and food that decomposes on the beach.

Turtles

Contrary to what one might think, bread is very harmful to turtles. Please do not feed them, even if they appear hungry.



**LET'S PROTECT OUR LAKES, OUR SHORES
AND OUR ECOSYSTEMS, OUR WEALTH!**

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CODE OF ETHICS NAUTICAL ACTIVITIES



Guidelines

The Municipality of Duhamel recognizes that the people in its community have a special attachment to the lakes and waterways on its territory.

The Municipality therefore wants to safeguard the quality of this environment for the benefit of the entire community and believes that this can best be achieved if individuals respect our natural environment and adopt behaviours that respect everyone using our lakes and the surrounding area.



Voluntary adoption of this code of ethics will help protect our lakes' ecosystems and improve the quality of life and recreational activities for everyone.

The objective of this code of ethics is to minimize nuisance activities on and around lakes and waterways without unduly limiting them. The code encourages users to be aware of the impact of their activities on the environment and people around them and to act accordingly.

The code of ethics also creates a safe zone along the shoreline for people to enjoy more peaceful water activities (swimming, kayaking, canoeing, birding, fishing). It is a supplement to zoning bylaw 2013-05 with regulations on shorelines.



Water quality

Many residents use lake water for domestic consumption. Do not discard anything in the lake or on the shore. Store waste in containers until it can be placed in appropriate waste disposal containers. Make sure your watercraft complies with all drain tank regulations. Take the necessary precautions to avoid spilling pollutants in the lakes (detergents, fuel, oil, etc.).

Watercraft must be washed if they have been used on another lake or waterway (to prevent invasive vegetation and other species).

Waves

Waves are the main cause of shoreline erosion and damage to fragile ecosystems such as spawning grounds, marshes and other wildlife habitat. They are also a cause of concern and discomfort for others. Additionally, they may cause other craft to capsize, displace docks, etc.

In a spirit of mutual respect, do not intentionally make waves for jumping or other stunts, either for yourself or others, and do not use another craft's waves or follow in its wake.

Powered watercraft speed

To reduce waves and the risk of accidents, do not travel more than 25 km/h within 70 meters of the shore.

At night, do not travel more than 30 km/h one hour after sunset up to one hour before sunrise.



Powered watercraft travelling near swimmers or another craft

Swimmers and non-powered watercraft have priority over powered watercraft.

Never travel more than 10 km/h within 100 meters of swimmers, a non-powered watercraft or a swimming area.

Noise

Excessive noise is a major concern in and around lakes and must be minimized.

Powered watercraft must have an appropriate, unmodified muffler ("Hollywood" sound).

Careless operations (tight turns, wave jumping, stunts) are not only dangerous, they are an unacceptable source of excessive noise that does not belong in nature.

The volume of radios and other devices on watercraft must be lowered so it is only heard by the vessel's occupants.

A waterway is not an appropriate location for a party on one or more boats to listen to music. Signaling devices such as horns, bells, sirens etc. must only be used for emergency situations.

